

ADJECTIVES Comparison			
Adjective	Comparative form (compares 2 items)	Superlative form* (compares 3(+) items)	Examples
Most 1-syllable adjectives	-er	-est	cheaper, cheapest
2-syllable adjectives ending in -y	-er	-est	prettier, prettiest
Most 2(+)-syllable adjectives	“more” + adjective	“most” + adjective	more beautiful, most beautiful
Some 2-syllable adjectives	-er or “more” + adjective	-est or “most” + adjective	gentler or more gentle, gentlest or most gentle
Irregular adjectives good bad far**	better worse farther/further	best worst farthest/furthest	better, best worse, worst farther/further, farthest/furthest
* "the" + superlative adjectives ** farther/farthest (for distance), further/furthest (for continuation)			
ADVERBS Comparison			
Adverb	Comparative form (compares 2 items)	Superlative form* (compares 3(+) items)	Examples
-ly adverbs	“more” + adverb	“most” + adverb	more carefully, most carefully
1-syllable adverbs	-er	-est	faster, fastest
Irregular adverbs well badly far**	better worse farther/further	best worst farthest/furthest	better, best worse, worst farther/further, farthest/furthest
* "the" + superlative adjectives ** farther/farthest (for distance), further/furthest (for continuation)			

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Forming comparisons:

as + adjective/adverb + as

(Joe is *as* tall *as* John.)

...comparative adjective/adverb + than

(Joe is taller *than* John (is).)

the + comparative adjective..., *the* + comparative adjective

(*The* harder it storms, *the* more worried the little boy gets.)